



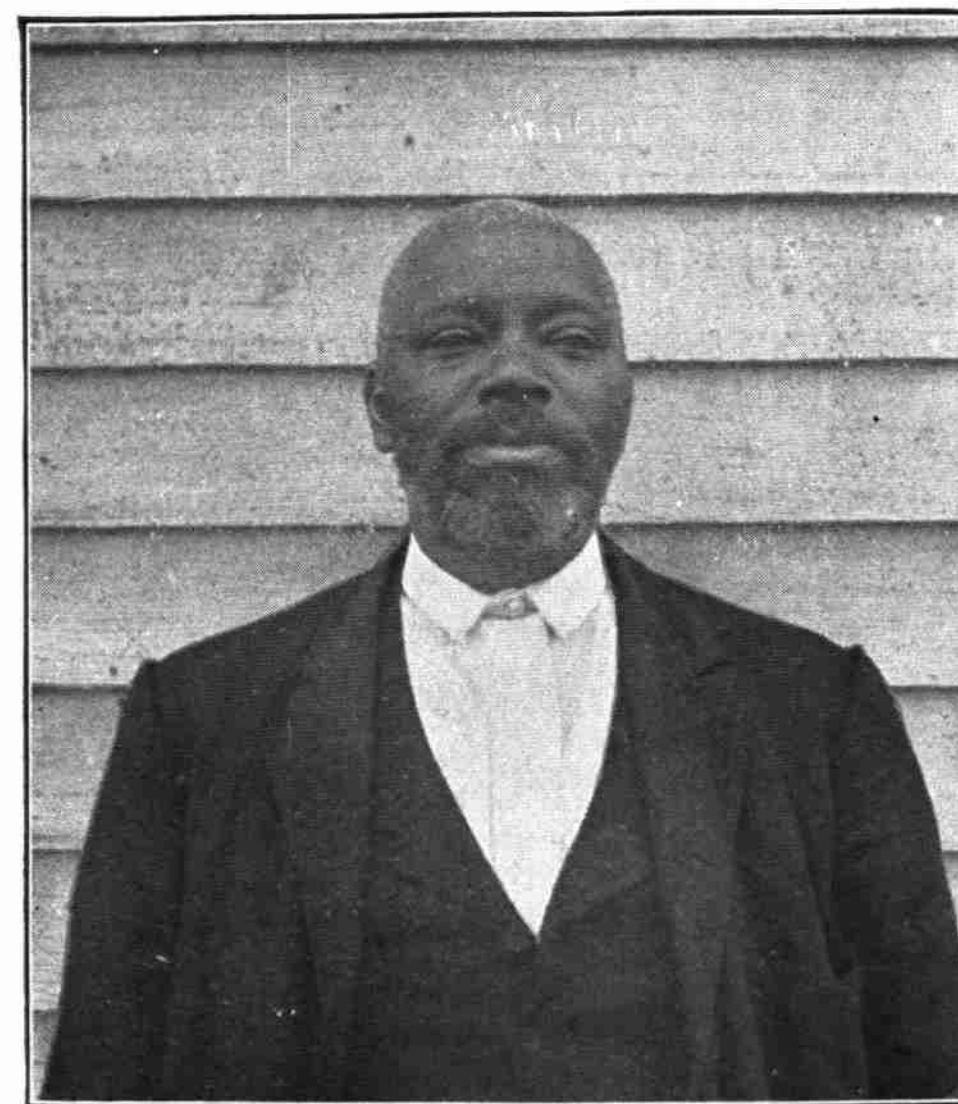
**NEGRO FARMER IN THE COTTON FIELD**

A type of the supporters of the small and affiliated Negro schools, aided by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. This man is a supporter of Coleman Academy, Gibsland, La. These small schools are largely owned, supported, and operated by Negro Boards of Trustees, earnestly interested in education for the young. (See page 128.)

short of marvelous. How they accomplish so much with the means at their hands is surprising. In the numbers of their pupils, the moral influence of their teachers, their hold of the Negro people, their cordial relation with the white people of their communities, these schools are not second to the best of our institutions, and I am fully convinced that as adjuncts to our larger colleges these schools are invaluable, and that in proportion to the amount of money we spend on them the immediate returns are greater than from our higher schools. These schools are the product of the colleges, one means by which the colleges reach the common people, and, therefore, a splendid justification of our own home mission colleges.

#### **Jeruel, a Typical Secondary School**

Jeruel Academy, situated in Athens, Ga., is a typical school of the class, though not the best by any means. It is the property of the Jeruel Baptist Association, which has as its territory mainly Clarke and Oglethorpe counties. The culture of the schools has not reached the Negroes of this section to any great extent. Rough, honest sons of the soil they are, for the most



**A TRUSTEE OF JERUEL ACADEMY**

A member of the Jeruel Baptist Association and one of the trustees of Jeruel Academy. The trustees of this school "are not school-men." They are "rough, honest sons of the soil," but they believe in education. This one says, "I don't know anything myself, but I'm hands, heels, and toes for the education of our young folks." The trustees are erecting a \$3,000 building of 14 rooms, kitchen and dining hall, for girls. (See page 113.)

part, but they believe in education, and Jeruel Academy is the token of their belief. The trustees of the academy are not school-men, but they believe in the education of their children, and they believe that Jeruel Academy will make their children better sons and daughters, men, women, citizens; and they are, as one said, "hands, heels, and toes for the education of our young folks."

The principal, John H. Brown, is a graduate of Atlanta Baptist College, and his wife was trained at Spelman Seminary. That is a combination which generally works well. They have been here for more than twenty years. Their people believe in them and wisely follow their lead in matters educational. "Fess," short for professor, as his people familiarly call him, shapes the policy of the school. Mrs. Brown has worked hard without salary for years, and brought up a bright family. They own their home, without debt. Like the Shunamite, Mr. and Mrs. Brown dwell among their own people, and that is the height of their ambition. Leaders they are in very deed, though in a humble way. To such as these, and to the thrifty farmers who stand back of them — Negro folk whom you do not see, my